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BRIEF REVIEW OF THE LAKE OKEECHOBEE

CAEBAGE SEASON OF 1948

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The primry producing areas of Florida winter cabbage are the Lake Okeechobee and the Hastings sections. Acreage of Florida winter cabbage was first estimated at 14,000 intended acres as compared with the 1947 acreage of 12,200 acres and the ten year average acreage for the years 1937—46 of 13,650 acres. This intended acreage was 1,800 acres more than 1947 and 40 more than 1947 acres to the second acres to the second acres are the second acres as the second acres are the second acres as the second acres are the second acres as the second acres acres acres as the second acres acres acres acres as the second acres a 45 of 13,650 acres. This intended acreage was 1,800 acres more than the 1947 and 440 more than the ten year average of 1937-46. Later estimates set the winter cabbage acreage at 15,000 acres which was 2,800 more than the 1947 and 1,440 more than the 1937-46 ten year average. The yields per acre at this time were estimated at 8 tons for 1948 as compared with 8.2 tons for 1947 and the 1937-46 ten year average of 7.0 tons. Froduction for 1948 was estimated at 120,000 tons which was 20,000 more than 1947 and 23,900 tons more than the ten year average of 1937-46. Estimates are from the U. S. Department of Agriculture Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The hurricane of September 17-18th, and the high water following the storm of October 11-12th, combined caused the loss to practically all of the early seeded acreage plus most of the seedbeds in the Lake Okeechobee Section. Plants for the early resetting of the crop were scarce and seeding was light during most of October but were fairly heavy during the latter part of October and early November. The warm weather during the month of December was unfavorable for the development of the crop as a whole. During January the weather was cooler and development was much improved over November. The freeze of January 14-16th. caused very little if any damage outside of holding back production a little. More than the usual amount of disease was apparent as the crop entured. Setting of the crop continued later than usual due to the early setbacks.

The cabbage began to show some volume the week of January 18th. during which time Florida shipped 104 cars by rail and 174 carlot equivalents by truck. Shippents increased and continued near normal until the week of February 22nd. and then dropped off until the week of February 29th. The peak novement of the crop took place during the week of April 10th, when 673 cars were shipped by rail and 326 carlot equivalents noved by truck. Prices for the period January, 1st. through February 14th. ranged .65¢ -1.60 for 50 lb. sacks and \$1.00-2.10 for 1.3/4 bushel crates. From February 15th. through March 6th. harvesting was restricted on account of market conditions and there were too few sales during this period to establish a market. From March 8th. through March 26th. prices showed slight but steady increases, after this period the highest prices of the season were received F.0.B. shipping point from March 22nd. to April 16th. ranging from \$1.00-2.50 for 50 lb. sacks and \$1.35-3.10 for 1 3/4 bushel crates. Quality for the season was fair to good and the condition was definitely brought into the picture by unfavorable weather conditions.

The primary containers for the season were the 50 lb. mesh sack and the 1 3/4 bushel crate. There was a definite tendency on the part of most south Florida growers and shippers to use the crate container for their best stock. Shipments from the state of Florida for the period November 30th through May 1st. were 4.787 cars by rail as compared with 2,333 cars during the 1947 season. Shipments by truck for the period November 30th. through May 1 st. were the equivalent of 3866 cars. All in all approximately double the shipments of the 1947 season. Texas shipments by rail for the period November 30th. through May 1st. were 9,031 cars, as compared with 7,594 cars for a similar period during the 1947 season.

WEEKLY CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF CABBAGE AND F.O.B. PRICES IN THE LAKE OKEECHOBEE SECTION

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* Does not include truck.

WEEKLY JOBBING PRICES OF FLORIDA CAFBAGE IN TERMINAL MARKETS
The prices below are weekly ranges and are confined to the ranges at which the bulk of the good merchantable quality and condition sold. Rail and truck arrivals and unloads are weekly totals of new cabbage. Stock quoted is Domestic Round type. Prices ranges Monday through Friday each week.

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BRIEF REVIEW OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA PEPPER SEASON OF 1847 - 48

The winter crop of peppers in South Florida is grown mainly in Broward and the castern side of Palm Beach counties. The estimated acreage for 1948 winter season was originally indicated to be 3,000 acres as compared with 3,550 in 1947 and the ten year 1937 - 46 average of 2,930 acres. Later estimates, however, set the acreage at 2,500 which was 1,050 less than 1947 and 430 less than the ten year average.

Most of the seedbeds for the winter pepper crop in the Pompano Section were lost in the fall hurricane. This crop was them reseeded into the fields and later transplanted. The general progress was slow. This crop received a set-back by the cool weather of mid-January. This cold snap as well as the heavy rains caused the blooms to fall quite badly and much of the crown fruit was lost. By February 1st. a light supply began to move over the Pompano market. Warn weather during February was beneficial to the pepper crop and the volume began to increase by the first of March, becoming heavy by April 9th. Due to the lateness of the crop and the the fact that most plantings were made at the same time, and due to a heavy yield, the volume was quite heavy during this period. The size was sonewhat smaller than usual and quality was below normal this season largely due to the heavy yield and the period of dry weather in March. Prices during the last balf of January, when supplies were light, held quite high, ranging from 6.00_9.50 per. bushel for nedium to large stock. Frices gradually declined as supplies increased slightly during February. By March 9th. the Bull Mose Type, other than the California Wanders had dropped rather sharply, while the Wonders declines more gradually. By the last of March, the prices for the small green and red peppers were so low that it was umprofitable to market them. Thursday, April 1st. was the low obb in the pepper market; prices for best California Wonders ranged from leaf-1.50 with very few instances of outstanding lots as high as 1.75; for nediums .75=1.00c. Other 3-150 with very few instances of outstanding lots as high as 1.75; for nediums .75=1.00c. Other 3-150 with very few instances of outstanding lots as high as 1.75; for nediums .75=1.00c. Other 3-150 with very few instances of outstanding lots as high as 1.75; for nediums .75=1.00c. Other 3-150 with very few instances of outstanding lots as high as 1.75; for nediums .75=1.00c. Other 3-150 with the prices increased about .25 per b